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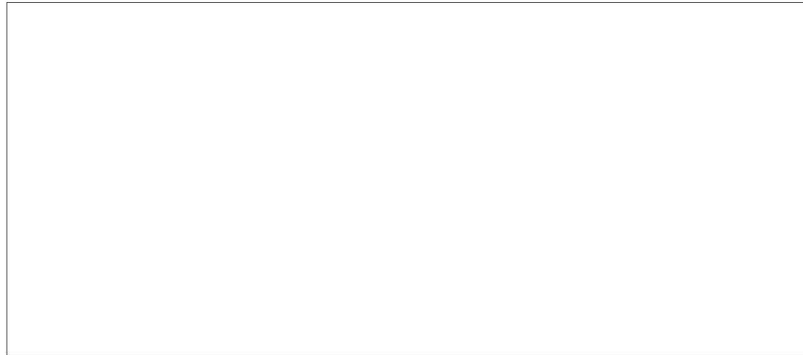
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\*Vietnam:

South Vietnam: Communist pressure in various portions of the country has been increased.

Enemy gunners hit the US base at Da Nang with at least 30 rounds of 122-mm. rocket fire before dawn on 3 January. Three aircraft were destroyed and 17 were damaged in the ten-minute barrage.

The fire probably came from a North Vietnamese rocket regiment which has been in this area since early last year. Rockets were fired at Da Nang several times during 1967, the heaviest bombardment coming in mid-July when scores of aircraft were destroyed or damaged.

In addition to the Da Nang attack, Communist gunners lobbed rockets into US 1st Cavalry positions south of Da Nang. The Communists also overran a combined US Marine - South Vietnamese civic action platoon in this area and directed harassing fire at other government positions. Allied losses in these attacks were 21 killed and 88 wounded.

The Communists also launched mortar attacks on US airfields in Binh Dinh and Darlac provinces destroying four and damaging 26 aircraft.

North Vietnam: Photography confirms that the North Vietnamese took advantage of the New Year's cease-fire, as they did of the Christmas truce, to step up supply movements through the southern provinces. During the 36-hour stand-down about 400 trucks were observed moving in the southern part of North Vietnam. This number of trucks could move up to 1,200 tons of cargo.


Two North Vietnamese MIG-17s were shot down on 3 January when they attacked US planes 25 miles

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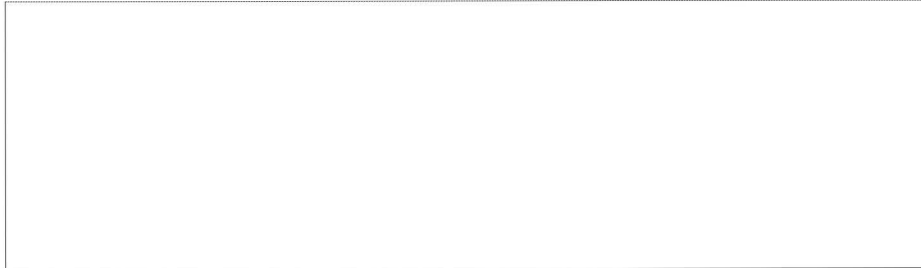
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northeast of Hanoi. Later in the day an F-105 was  
downed by an air-to-air missile from a Communist  
MIG-21 40 miles west of the city.



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